

bill and that's what senator who shall remain nameless was trying to do. I can't remember him right now. But, in any case, ladies and gentlemen, let's not be so sanctimonious. Most of us know that LB 95 has a difficult route, number one. Number two, those of you who did not know ought to know that I first offered an amendment not to strike, but Shirley...Senator Marsh objected vigorously to that, but only to amend her bill, to aid and abet her bill and to make it a better bill. Third, I tried to get someone to explain to me the difference between outside air and inside air and I couldn't find anyone to do that. And I have breathed my share of it in both ways in the last 57 years. The amendment which I have offered to you, ladies and gentlemen, makes sense. It makes sense out of a bill which is before you. It makes sense. And someone says we haven't had a hearing. We have had hearings on the same topic many times. The issue of oxygenated or alcohol fuels is an old one. The issue of clean air is an old one. And, again, I take second to no one on this floor in my regard for the environment, inside or outside, city or rural, whatever you have. I suggest that we have here a working amendment that can become law and that can do something for the State of Nebraska. As I said earlier, you passed a bill yesterday which will cost you ten...or advanced it, a bill which will cost you tens of millions of dollars. You don't even know how much. You could have gone the appropriations process and said we will appropriate to certain companies X millions of dollars. The bill wouldn't have gotten out of Appropriations Committee. And some of those who speak against this amendment would have been the first ones to do so, to vote against it. But when we say, well, we don't know how much it's going to cost, let's go ahead and do something for good old Nebraska...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...particularly for two or three companies, sure we line up and 30 or 31 people vote to advance the bill. Here is a bill which will do several things. First of all, it will help to make Nebraska's air clean. Second, as Senator Smith has pointed out, it will help provide a market for the alcohol fuels for the plant which is in her area. And, third, it will tell the world that Nebraska is not going to be importing alcohol fuels, they are going to, by God, be producing their own and we have a market here for it. Ladies and gentlemen, I move to suspend the rules and I ask...I hope that the body is all present and I, therefore, ask that the rules be suspended.